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Soviet Union Launches New Drive to Force Israeli Troop Withdrawal

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 18, (JTA) -- The Soviet Union launched a new attempt today to secure action by the United Nations to compel Israel to withdraw its forces from the territory it had occupied in the six-day war and return to the June 5th armistice lines.

In a letter today to the President of the Security Council, Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, accused Israel of "continued aggression and military provocations in the Suez Canal area" and warned that "in order to prevent further military clashes and to eliminate the danger of renewed war in the Middle East, Israel must immediately withdraw its forces from the territory of the Arab states occupied by her." He said that it was "to the accomplishment of this task that the United Nations should contribute."

On Thursday, the emergency session of the U.N. General Assembly, convened June 18 on the Soviet Union's initiative when the Soviet Union failed to secure a Security Council condemnation of Israel, will be closed. From all present indications, the Assembly will not have agreement on a basic resolution to deal with the Middle East situation and will have to refer it back to the Security Council. Mr. Gromyko's letter today was regarded as a preparatory move to bring the Council into session to consider the situation.

Mr. Gromyko said that "the Soviet Government considers that the military clashes provoked by Israel in the Suez Canal area are extremely dangerous and could develop into a wider military conflict." He charged that continued occupation of Arab territory by Israel was "a violation of the fundamental principle of the U.N. Charter and international law, and an infringement of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Arab states."

The Soviet Foreign Minister referred to complaints made by Egypt last week and asserted that "they provide new, specific information on the flagrant violations of the Security Council resolutions on the cease-fire." He repeated Egyptian allegations of Israeli aggressions in the Suez Canal zone and asserted that they proved that Israel was continuing a policy of aggression against the Arab states.

Arabs Formally Restate Refusal to Recognize State of Israel

The Jordanian delegation said today that it reserved the right to ask for an emergency meeting of the Security Council over "grave Israeli violations and acts of provocation" on July 15. The Jordanians accused Israel of three incidents along the Jordan. Israel had previously reported that Jordanians opened fire from the east bank of the Jordan at three locations on July 15.

An attempt by the Arab states to challenge Israel's credentials was overwhelmingly defeated in the General Assembly yesterday, but the debate on the issue crystallized the Arab and Israeli positions. Speaking for the Arab states, George Tomeh, the Syrian delegate, said he wished "to confirm non-recognition of the State of Israel. Israel is a racist, Zionist, expansionist state."

Ambassador Abba S. Eban of Israel, in reply, said the Syrian envoy had shown that the "Arab policy of aggression, belligerency and war" against Israel had not changed. The Arab attitude, he said, strengthened the Israel resolve not to respond to the Arab states "unless there is an explicit recognition of Israel's statehood, sovereignty and international rights."

Israel Protests Assembly President's Failure to Halt Religious Tirade

In another development, Ambassador Gideon Rafael made a sharp protest to Abdul Rahman Pazhwak of Afghanistan, the Assembly president, because "the rostrum of the General Assembly was used for venomous and scurrilous religious incitement." He said that Ambassador Pazhwak had permitted Jamil Baroodi of Saudi Arabia to make "references and allusions offensive to the Jewish tradition without intervention from the chair." He said Baroodi's remarks yesterday were without precedent in U.N. history and were "an incitement to religious hatred which is a flagrant violation of the declaration against religious intolerance."

(In London, George Brown, the British Foreign Secretary, and the Israel Ambassador, Aharon Remez, conferred at length today on Middle East developments at the United Nations. The meeting was at the ambassador's request.)

Gen. Bull Adds Six More Men to Suez Canal Observer Force

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 18. (JTA) -- Lt. Gen. Odd Bull informed Secretary-General U Thant today that he had detached six more officers of his old truce supervision organization and posted them as cease-fire observers along the Suez Canal.

There are now seven observers on each side of the canal. Those on the Israeli side are based at Kantara and those on the Egyptian side are quartered in Ismailia. Both sides maintain radio communications with Gen. Bull's headquarters in Government House, Jerusalem. The observers do not have direct contact with their counterparts across the canal.

In view of the Middle East crisis, the Secretary-General canceled today a planned visit to eight African states which was to have started July 31.

Paper Warns Arabs Will Attempt Guerrilla Tactics Behind Israeli Lines

LONDON, July 18. (JTA) -- The London Daily Mail warned today that the Arabs would try to reverse Israeli gains by "subversion behind the Israeli lines." The newspaper said that "the Egyptians used to do a lot of damage in this way with their 'fedayeen' raids. But the real experts at the game are the Algerian forces who have recently arrived in Cairo. They have nothing to learn about the knife in the night and the silent kidnapping. Unless the world powers come to their senses, we can soon expect to see the whole panoply of subversion, as practiced by the Viet Cong in South Viet Nam, unleashed in Israeli-held territory."

A pro-Nasser newspaper in Beirut reported today that an Arab "underground" had been established on the West Bank of the Jordan, in Jerusalem and in the Gaza Strip to wage a guerrilla war of liberation against Israel. The newspaper, Al-Anwar, said the Arab units would wage their battle along the lines of the Viet Cong in Viet Nam.

Jordanian Forces Had Orders to Wipe Out Israeli Civilian Population

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 18. (JTA) -- Israel submitted to the Security Council today 11 pages of copies of documents in Arabic containing Jordanian military operational orders which included instructions "to wipe out the civilian inhabitants of the Israel population centers."

In a letter from Ambassador Gideon Rafael to Secretary-General U Thant, the U.N. membership was informed that the original documents were available for inspection at the offices of the Israel Mission to the United Nations. Reproductions of the documents were circulated today to the U.N. membership as an official General Assembly and Security Council document.

Harman Sees Danger of 'One-Sided' Arms Race in Middle East

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA) -- Warning against a "one-sided arms race" in which the Soviet Union is resupplying the Arabs, Ambassador Abraham Harman of Israel said today in an address before the National Press Club that Israel should be given an opportunity to maintain a minimum level of deterrent strength.

He said that while limitation of arms shipments to the region was desirable, it was important not to permit a "one-way street" to exist in which Russia built up the Arabs with weapons to be used against Israel.

The Ambassador emphasized the need for direct talks between Israel and the Arab states if peace is to be achieved. He said the Arabs should be told at the United Nations and elsewhere that they must enter into such nation-to-nation discussions. He said the world must address itself to the Arab refusal to acknowledge the existence of Israel, "except for the purpose of seeking to destroy it." The Arab insistence on the rights of belligerence and the Arab exploitation of the Arab refugee problem were among other points cited by the envoy.

House Foreign Affairs Committeemen to Study Israel Security Situation

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA) -- The House Committee on Foreign Affairs announced today that it is sending a two-man, bi-partisan delegation to Israel to study the current situation and make recommendations on policy.

The delegation will be composed of Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, and Rep. William S. Broomfield, Michigan Republican. The Congressmen will meet with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, and other leaders.

They will study prospects of Arab-Israel peace and make proposals to advance regional stability and security. The two Congressmen said they would particularly examine the new administration of Jerusalem and the status of the holy places. They will view the Arab refugee situation, especially on the West Bank of the Jordan River. The Congressmen intend to visit the cease-fire lines and evaluate the truce supervision organization.

Another member of the Committee, Rep. Robert Taft, Jr., Ohio Republican, said today that he would examine Israel's security situation and relations with its neighbors "in view of the unrelenting Arab belligerency."

Hits Administration Plan to Give Sudan \$20 Million in Grains

WASHINGTON, July 18, (JTA) -- The Administration has embarked on a "backdoor method" of resuming aid to the Arab nations that severed diplomatic relations with America, Rep. J. Herbert Burke, Florida Republican, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, charged today in a House speech.

Rep. Burke said the U.S. Department of Agriculture has invited bids for \$20 million in grains to be given to Sudan, a nation that declared war on Israel and severed ties with the United States. He said that the aid deal was being made through Somaliland, which was acting as a "front" for Sudan.

The Congressman asserted that the Administration was attempting in this manner "to evade the sense of the Congress on the issue of giving aid to Moslem nations that have collaborated with the Soviet Union, used their own resources to buy Russian arms, expelled Americans, burned U.S. consulates, and severed diplomatic relations." He said he was trying to determine if there were any "assurances that the grain would remain in Sudan and not be shipped to Egypt where it could feed the sailors of the Soviet naval squadron, now based in Port Said and Alexandria, and otherwise be used by Nasser."

Rep. Burke said that despite Arab vilification of the United States, "we insist on pressing this aid upon them." He maintained that the Administration ignored "clearly-defined expressions of the Congress." The Congressman asserted that "repayment of the \$20 million credit grant, financed by American taxpayers, is guaranteed by the Central Bank of Sudan -- a worthless guarantee. The bank is not a viable institution." He asked the Agriculture Department for a full report on the plan to give the grain to Sudan.

Commerce Department Says United States-Israel Trade is Normal

WASHINGTON, July 18, (JTA) -- A U.S. Commerce Department publication, "International Commerce," reported today that while the Middle East business situation remained unsettled, "U.S. trade with Israel seems to be about as usual, with no special problems being reported."

Stalin Died When Politburo Foiled His Move to Exile Russian Jews

DETROIT, July 18, (JTA) -- Joseph Stalin died 14 years ago of a rage caused when the Politburo opposed his proposal that all Russian Jews be expelled to Siberia, the Detroit News reported today from Washington. It attributed the information to a secret State Department report. The News claimed the report came from a Soviet defector who received the information from Anastas Mikoyan, who witnessed Stalin's death -- according to the report. Mikoyan was First Deputy Prime Minister.

The story alleged that Stalin called a secret Politburo meeting to announce a campaign against the Jews. He said measures should be taken to deport Jews en masse to Biro Bidjan in Siberia. Stalin was quoted as saying "the Jews will be kept hermetically isolated there. They never will be able to come out."

Mikoyan is said to have objected saying that the Communist movement abroad would lose support and Stalin would be continuing Adolf Hitler's policies. Lazar Kaganovich, only Jewish member of the Politburo and Stalin's brother-in-law, tore up his party card and threw the pieces in Stalin's face, said The News.

The report said that Stalin then turned purple with rage. Mikoyan reportedly told Stalin the Red Army had been told to encircle the Kremlin if the Politburo members did not leave within an hour after entering. The story said that Stalin then ordered Lavrenti Beria, secret police chief, to arrest "all the scum here." Beria refused and announced his support of Mikoyan.

Stalin rose from his chair, according to the account, began screaming incoherently and fell unconscious. An hour later, physicians pronounced him dead. A few days later, Politburo members picked Mikoyan to take over but with less power than Stalin possessed.

Many Shopkeepers Suffer Loss in Newark Ghetto Riots

NEWARK, N.J., July 18, (JTA) -- Many Jewish-owned stores were among the targets of looting and arson during the three days of racial violence in Newark, a survey here indicated today as normal conditions returned.

The Jewish-owned enterprises, which included clothing, liquor, food and appliance stores, were apparently looted because they belonged to whites. Anti-Semitic shouts by Negro rioters, reported in a number of such disorders in cities last year, were not heard in the Newark rioting. The rioters attacked white-owned enterprises generally while leaving untouched Negro businesses which bore the inscription "Soul Brother" to indicate to the rioters that they were Negro stores.

Most of the stores which were looted have been in the Central Ward, the major Negro area of Newark, for many years, dating back to the time when the area was Jewish.

Police Prevent Bombay Demonstrators from Burning Dayan in Effigy

BOMBAY, July 18, (JTA) -- Police here today prevented a crowd of demonstrators from burning in public an effigy of Gen. Moshe Dayan, the Israel Minister of Defense. The demonstrators shouted anti-Israel slogans.

Australian Jews Ask Kosygin to Halt Anti-Israel Atrocity Campaign

MELBOURNE, July 18. (JTA) -- The Executive Council of Australian Jewry appealed today to Premier Kosygin of the Soviet Union to halt the continuing charges by the Soviet Union that Israeli armed forces were guilty of "Hitlerite atrocities."

The Council noted that the Soviet Union "has never published a word of criticism about the Nazi war criminals actively mobilized in Cairo and Damascus in the war against the Jews." It added that "the Soviet Government has given unstinting support to the Arab states disseminating the crude anti-Semitism of the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion,'"

The Jewish representative body pointed out that this was not the first time in this century that a major power had accused the Jews of subhuman crimes and said that "the world knows the terrible price the Jewish people have paid for such monstrous accusations."

Report Franz Stangl Informed Bonn Martin Bormann Is in Brazil

LONDON, July 18. (JTA) -- The recent request to Brazil by the West German Government for the arrest and extradition of Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's deputy, was based on information from Franz Stangl, former Nazi concentration camp commander, that the most wanted war criminal was alive and living in Brazil, it was reported here today.

When the request was made to Brazil last month, the West German authorities denied that it was based on any definite information that Bormann was in Brazil and termed their action a pre-cautionary measure.

Stangl, who had lived in Brazil for 14 years before his arrest and extradition to West Germany earlier this year, is reported to have undergone intensive interrogation by the West German authorities. In the course of this questioning, he is said to have asserted that Bormann had been living in the Brazilian state of Parana. There had been persistent reports that Bormann had found refuge in Paraguay.

Jewish War Veterans Protest Austrian Treatment of Nazi Victims

VIENNA, July 18. (JTA) -- A delegation of American and British Jewish war veterans protested today to Chancellor Josef Klaus that pending social security legislation in Austria discriminated against victims of Nazism in favor of Nazi-tainted former civil servants.

(The Canadian Jewish Congress, in a protest submitted to the Austrian Ambassador in Ottawa, said the pending Austrian legislation provided generous pensions to former civil servants who were barred from their jobs after World War II on suspicion of implication in Nazi war crimes. The Congress contrasted this treatment with the "comparatively small benefits" for Austrian victims of Nazism.)

The delegation also expressed concern over the growth of anti-Semitism in Austria. The Chancellor denied that anti-Semitism was increasing in the country and said it was the Government's policy to combat anti-Semitism and warn Austrian youth against anti-Semitic ideas.

New York Rabbi Named Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Caracas

CARACAS, Venezuela, July 18. (JTA) -- Rabbi Pynchas Brenner of New York has been named the new chief rabbi of the 15,000-member Ashkenazi Jewish community of Caracas. Rabbi Brenner, who is spiritual leader of the Holliswood Jewish Center in Holliswood, was raised in Peru where his father served as chief rabbi. As spiritual leader of the Union Israelite of Caracas, Rabbi Brenner will head a congregation of more than 1,200 members and a Jewish day school educating more than 1,500 children.

Connecticut Bars Primary Elections on Religious Holidays

HARTFORD, Conn., July 18. (JTA) -- A bill barring the holding of primary elections in Connecticut on any day that is a religious holiday has been signed by Gov. Dempsey and was enacted into law. The bill was introduced in the State General Assembly after observant Jews were unable to participate in the primaries last year because they coincided with Succoth.

The new legislation follows enactment of a constitutional amendment in 1965 giving Connecticut voters the right to cast absentee ballots when a regular election falls on a religious holiday.

Gov. Dempsey pointed out that the new law provides that "no primary elections shall be held on any day when secular activity is forbidden under the tenets of any religion." He said that "this legislation is needed to assure full and complete compliance with the constitutional guarantee of freedom of worship."

Israel to Mint Victory Coin Depicting Western Wall

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- A sterling silver "Victory Coin" will be minted by the Bank of Israel next month to mark Israel's victory over Arab aggression in the six-day war. The coin, which will have a nominal value of 10 Israeli pounds (\$3.33), will bear a likeness of the Western Wall, Judaism's most sacred shrine, and the date on which it was restored to Jewish worship. The other side of the coin will bear the emblem of Israel's defense forces.